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**Hampden County Radio Association Inc.
49th ARRL affiliated year.**

December 1995

H.C.R.A Meeting....

The next Hampden County Radio Association meeting will take place on Friday December 1, Doors open @ 7:00pm. December is time for our annual social, if anyone would like to bring a dish please feel free to do so. We would also like to have anyone with a Home-brew project or a special qsl card to bring them along for a show & tell . The food will be free of cost for all HCRA members and families.

The location is Feeding Hills Congregational Church at the JCT. of Routes 57 & 187 in Feeding Hills, Ma. Any one in need of directions please contact any of the board members, hope to see you there.

The next board meeting will take place on Friday December 10th at Barry's place N1IJK. Anyone can attend if you would like further information please contact one of the board members.

1995 H.C.R.A. BOARD

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SWAP & SELL

1. NEW 72 PIN SIMMS - 4MB \$125.00 other block size simms too
2. YAESU FT890/AT. 2HRS USE STILL UNDER WARRANTY .. B/O
CONTACT John N1QXV @ 413-572-4952
3. Kenwood HT21at 2-meter with the following accessories...
two PB21a battery packs with wall charger
12volt DC adapter for automobile operation
C cell battery pack
manuals and original boxes ASKING \$150.00
CONTACT Dave @ 413-596-6605
4. A complete station by Fred Lavalley K1FUA 413-562-3080
Kenwood TS680s & mic, Astron power supply 20A, Cushcraft 10m mobile
2m mobile, A3 tri-band beam antennas, A Rolm 55' crackup / tilt over
free standing tower with two rotors with controls, and Heathkit
2m transceiver, HM-2102 meter, code p/s code tape, and many misc parts.

LOOKING FOR BEST OFFER.

The base can be pulled from the ground by a local farmer for \$25.00.

5. ICOM IC-2at 2 mtr hand-held w/bp-3 nicad pk, IC-25u charger w/manual
.....\$125.00 Icom accessories sold separately. 2 IC-bp3 nicad pks, IC-bp4
w/IC-hm9 speaker mic, BC-16u nicad charger.
Larson trunk lip mount w/ wmtr 1/4 whip, and a LM-150 5/8 wave 2 mtr
ant (NEW)
CONTACT - Mike Ludiewicz, W1DGJ (413) 583-6678

Any one who wishes to place an add in Zero Beat please contact John N1QXV or
leave a message on the Mass Goldmine BBS 736-0667.

President's Message

Greetings ! As always, I hope this issue of Z-Beat finds you well. I apologize for not having a column earlier, however between work, school and the Hamfest, there hasn't been time for anything else, including a President's Message.

Speaking of Hamfest, if you weren't there, you missed a great event ! This year's Hamfest brought in commercial vendors you only read about in the Ham magazines, such as Lake Region Awards, Jade Products, and Radio Bookstore, as well as Lentini Communications. Talking to the vendors afterward, it was satisfying to hear that some have already made the decision to join us for next year. By the way, mark down October 27th, 1996 on your calendar - that's the date for next year's Hamfest !

The Hamfest was a success, and at the risk of leaving someone out, I would like to take a moment to thank the people who made it all come together. First, KA1TBS for his forward thinking in taking the H.C.R.A up a step from the usual "junkfest". It is a great concept, and one I think we should continue to pursue. Fred also provided constant support and important vendor leads. N1KBY was instrumental in day-to-day planning and detailing, as well as bringing in the commercial and private vendors. N1QXV did double duty as both publicist on many information nets, and tailgate - meister the day of the Hamfest. Without these three people, there would not have been a Hamfest.

In addition, I would also like to thank N1AEH, K1II, N1RAL, N1EPE, KA1YZV, K1PZS, WB1FNP, N1JJO, and my YL, Lisa for the "day-of" operations. (Actually a Very special thanks to Lisa for just putting up me through this !). Also, I want to thank W1ZGP for his service above and beyond in the set-up of the talk-in station as well as table set-up. Again, if I missed someone, I apologize, and please let me know !

We all as members of the H.C.R.A would like to thank those who gave their time and effort to help support the club through the Hamfest.

73 Barry N1IJK

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HCRA NOTES.....

The HCRA would like to congratulate all of the people who passed or upgraded at our V.E. session, held at our very successful Hamfest & electronics show held on October 29th.

New members : Keith Davidson
Arol Hill
Gene Guiliano Jr.

****One individual drove 150 miles one way to attend our V.E. session.****

Thankyou also goes out to Leo Comeau K1JAO for his club donation of a C64 computer for some of the clubs database information.